

Midwest Recovers from Holiday Fervor



Manager Harold Lokenagard, 4280, Springfield, Mo., receives a hibachi among other gifts from Santa Claus, alias Hardware Manager Joe Barlow.

Chicago, Ill., Kresge 8 — Farewells go to Assistant David Mikus who has been transferred to 4048, Springfield, Ill. . . . Best wishes from the staff of 8 go to Retirees Eleanor Gordon, Doris Bilbrey and Betty Zander. — Richard Kelps

Bloomington, Ill., Kresge 34 — The weekly store meeting was devoted to honoring Employee Madge DeVon who has been with the company for 30 years. — Maxine Vinson

St. Joseph, Mo., Kresge 58 — Notes of appreciation have been received by Manager Paul Knupp for sponsoring a shopping tour for a group from a children's home. The store provided a 20 percent discount for these children and gave them a treat after their presents were bought. Those employees who donated their time for the occasion, besides Manager Knupp, were Sammy Winsinger, Louie Miller, Roma Hanson and Maxine Scott. — Roma Hanson

Bloomington, Minn., Kresge 135 — The annual Christmas party, held at Manager James Cook's, was a big success. — Ruth Blomquist



Checkout girls in their red and green outfits pose at the Christmas luncheon held at 4215, Kansas City, Kan., for staffers and management.

Ft. Dodge, Ia., Kresge 145 — A cash suggestion award was given to Employee Dorothy Noll by Manager Maynard Meyer on her birthday. . . . Welcome to Trainee James Tomlinson. — Hazel Long

Waterloo, Ia., Kresge 152 — Christmas festivities at 152 included a dinner at a local restaurant, an employee gift exchange and a pot-luck luncheon. — Margaret Theel

Sioux City, Ia., Kresge 163 — Local police showed a film on shoplifting to all 163 employees and to those in neighboring stores. . . . At a holiday party, Employee Irene Hart and Assistant Guy Crockett were crowned queen and king of 1970 for the store. . . . Manager John O'Neill received a list of resolutions, 12 cravers and an extra large pen to aid him in getting orders in to time. — E. L. Narans

Palatine, Ill., Kresge 187 — All employees contributed their time and money to help five children have a merrier Christmas. Assistant James Sheldon played Santa and delivered the gifts. — Eleanor Kinsion

Aurora, Ill., Kresge 254 — A combination birthday breakfast and Christmas party was enjoyed by the entire staff. A buffet luncheon was served later on in the day on Christmas Eve. — Dorothy Kling

Rockford, Ill., Kresge 318 — Making an early appearance, Santa stepped in to help make Family Shopping Nite a huge success. . . . 318 was truly gratified with the response shown by all employees in contributing gifts of food, clothing and presents for the family that they chose to sponsor. — Norma Hallberg

Quincy, Ill., Kresge 321 — Employees held their annual holiday party with a breakfast, dinner and gift exchange. — Sandra Parrich

Omaha, Neb., Kresge 326 — Manager Donald Fredrickson was host at a delightful breakfast for staff members recently. — Bernice Swanson

Iron Mountain, Mich., Kresge 403 — A local newspaper reported that the county's first babies to arrive in the new year were twins for Assistant Robert Thompson and his wife. Congratulations! — Lorraine Reddinger

554 Part-Time Employee Is Winning Equestrian

Moline, Ill., Kresge 554 — Wanda Curtis, a part-time waitress at 554, received a trophy for winning the 1969 Ladies Barrel Race Contest with her horse, Mr. Far Bar. . . . Congratulations to Manager Wendall Hill on his initiation into the Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. — Marguerite Rice

Minneapolis, Minn., Kresge 694 — Bertha Lacher was the recent winner of a layaway contest. . . . Employee Grace Johnson received her ten-year pin. . . . Norma Neil, Margaret Ables, Pearl Kaiser and Cathy Freeman were recent guests at the monthly birthday celebration. — Lila Juntilla

697 Manager Recites Poem At Annual Holiday Dinner

Wichita, Kan., Kresge 697 — At the annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange, Narrator Bob Crossman read a poem written for all employees. . . . Birthday celebrants were Mary Morris, Tracy McGrath and Manager Bob Crossman. — Dorothy Foster



Ready for a big spring clean-up is John Oweiler, 4254, Oshkosh, Wis.

Bloomington, Ill., K mart 4031 — Congratulations are in order for Johnny Bills, new toy department manager, and Carl Boyd, new automotive department head. — Phyllis Payne

Springfield, Ill., K mart 4048 — Good luck to Assistant Richard Voss who was transferred to 4030, Danville, Ill. . . . Reporter Marge Strawn was presented with an honorable mention from the KRESGE NEWS for her reporting during 1969. — Marge Strawn

Joliet, Ill., K mart 4095 — A hearty welcome is extended to Assistant Kenneth Detmer. . . . The staff gives special thanks to Employees Helen Sinchak and Jerry Kabat for their untiring efforts in making the Christmas party a big success. Santa Claus, Joe Mitok, and Mrs. Claus, Sophie Kaman, distributed the gifts to employees. — Iryne Koenig

North Aurora, Ill., K mart 4154 — Office Bookkeeper Sabra Shepard celebrated her 30th anniversary with the company recently. — Belva Ward

Urbana, Ia., K mart 4156 — The 1969 year ended with a very successful Christmas breakfast for employees. — Joan Webster

4158 Staffer Gets Cash From Spirited Management

Waterloo, Ia., K mart 4158 — Manager Bernard Linders and all store assistants gave up their gifts from the employees this year so that Merchandise Manager Mike Murphy could receive a \$100 bill. Mr. Murphy's son has been rushed to the hospital several times at great expense to his family. It was hoped that the money would make it a merrier Christmas around the Murphy home. — Alice Snyder

Chicago Heights, Ill., K mart 4211 — A Christmas dinner dance, held at a local restaurant, was very successful. A free buffet also was served employees throughout the Eve. — Lottie Fran

Kansas City, Kan., K mart 4215 — Checkout girls displayed the holiday spirit by wearing green vests, red skirts and Santa hats. . . . Christmas caroling at the holiday luncheon was led by Merchandise Manager Al Ericson. — Peggy Persell

Des Plaines, Ill., K mart 4227 — Special guests at the monthly birthday party were Regional District Manager James Brinton, and Gene Kowalski, regional horticulture supervisor. — Rose Bark

Oshkosh, Wis., K mart 4254 — Everyone enjoyed the Christmas party from the management with help from the grill. — Barbara Johnson

Moline, Ill., K mart 4297 — Many thanks go to Employees Lou Neels, Maureen Makieu, Marlene Truitt and Paul Filler for their much-needed help in the grand opening of the store. — Janet Miller

Newton, Ia., Jupiter 4522 — In spite of heavy snow in December, 4522 had the largest monthly sales in the history of the store. — Sharon Modlin

LaSalle, Ill., Jupiter 4523 — A local congresswoman offered Employee Melanie Krewer congratulations upon her 25th anniversary with the company. — Alma Carr

4568 Store Visitors Include D. O. Guests

Niles, Ill., Jupiter 4568 — Recent store visitors included John McCabe, John Enkemann and Thomas Heying from the Detroit Office and District Manager Richard Kleczynski. — Dorothy Kretschmer



At a store holiday party, Manager John Coulahan, 321, Quincy, Ill., receives the booty prize — an all-day lollipop from the employees.

Fremont, Neb., Jupiter 4577 — During the Yule holidays, employees dressed up in their red and green Santa Helpers outfits which attracted the children's attention. . . . Employee Jim Bentley played Santa at an employee gift exchange. — Gladys Cunningham

Hammond, Ind., Jupiter 4587 — A Christmas breakfast and gift exchange celebrated the holiday season at 4587. — Helen Heslett

Aberdeen, S. D., Jupiter 4603 — Employees got out their thermals when temperature dipped to 17 degrees, lowest in the nation for that day. — Elizabeth Leisen

St. Cloud, Minn., Jupiter 4605 — A Christmas dinner and dance was held at a local club, much to the enjoyment of all employees who attended. — Ann Moeller

Springfield, Mo., Jupiter 4616 — Jupiter 4616 and 4619 combined their Christmas parties and dinners at a local restaurant. Among the 46 attending were the Homer Robertsons. Mr. Robertson is a retired Kresge manager now residing in Springfield. — Irene Jones



A part-time waitress at Kresge 554, Moline, Ill., proves she has some "horse sense." Wanda Curtis was awarded a trophy for winning the 1969 Ladies Barrel Race Contest sponsored by the Illinois State Stock Horse Association. She earned this honor by gathering the most points at horse shows with her registered quarter horse gelding, Mr. Far Bar.